ple of Adoor are put to great inconvenience and trouble owing to the absence of proper roads in several of the villages in that constituency?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes; the matter is engaging attention.

Fresh taxation.

145. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Is the Government aware that it has been stated in this House that no fresh taxation of any kind would be imposed on the public of Cochin without the same being discussed in this House?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Government are not aware of having given any definite assurance of the kind.

Details of amounts budgetted but not spent.

146. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state (in tabular form if convenient):—

(a) the amounts budgetted for expenditure under various major heads but which were not spent or utilised in the respective years, for the years 1100, 1101, 1102 and 1103 (11 months only);

(b) the reasons, if any, for not utilising the amounts budgetted?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) A statement containing the information in respect of 1100, 1101 and 1102 is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*) As for 1103, the figures for 11 months cannot be had, as the accounts from Medam to Mithunam are not ready.

(b) The collection of the information asked for requires much time and labour as it involves a scrutiny of each detailed head of account and has to be gathered from each Head of Department which is not easily possible.

The appointment of the present Acting Chief Engineer.

147. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

A. (1) why a superannuated officer from elsewhere was appointed to act for the Chief Engineer recently went on leave;

(2) what pension does the acting incumbent draw from his former appointment;

(3) is there any rule in our State that when a pensioner accepts any appointment, his pay (of the new appointment) with his pension should not exceed his salary at the time of retirement; if so, is the rule observed in these appointments?

B. (a) Are there no competent Engineers in the State

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide answer to Question No. 146).

1100.

	Expenditure.	Budget.	Balance.
Agriculture	2,25,436 13 7	2,37,064 14 3	11,628 0 8
Excise	2,95,421 8 8	3,23,625 0 0	28,203 7 4
Stamps	52,983 1 3	53,900 0 0	916 14 9
Forests	2,03,163 6 2	2,25,072 9 10	21,909 3 8
Tramway	1,77,347 0 3	1,98,180 0 0	20,832 15 9
General Administration	94,303 7 7	97,660 1 10	3,356 10 3
Education	11,17,014 13 11	11,46,800 0 0	29,785 2 1
Religious	28,368 11 8	29,567 0 0	1,198 4 4
Charities	49,422 13 6	52,960 0 0	3,537 2 6
Vaccination	8,637 13 8	8,800 0 0	162 2 4
Sanitation, &c.	97,603 3 1	1,14,950 0 0	17,346 12 11
Stationery, &c.	70,638 3 10	78,200 0 0	7,561 12 2
Military	94,508 8 5	99,635 0 0	5,126 7 7
Public Works	10,20,646 12 7	14,36,172 13 9	4,15,526 1 2
Scientific, &c.	99,074 0 7	1,36,700 0 0	37,625 15 5
Railway	7,69,224 0 1	9,00,000 0 0	1,30,775 15 11
Miscellaneous	91,099 2 7	1,49,584 14 2	58,485 11 7

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Land Revenue	2,29,547 12 6	2,31,492 8 0	1,944 11 6
Agriculture	2,00,026 7 4	2,28,293 4 5	28,266 13 1
Co-operation	11,850 2 6	12,050 0 0	199 13 6
Excise	2,77,383 1 8	3,04,884 15 1	27,501 13 5
Stamps	60,005 1 1	64,300 0 0	4,294 14 11
Forests	1,86,069 2 6	2,11,424 0 0	25,354 13 6
Tramway	1,69,813 13 1	1,79,200 0 0	9,386 2 11
Registration	70,096 13 2	71,363 0 0	1,266 2 10
Anchal	67,854 9 6	68,900 0 0	1,045 6 6
General Administration	1,00,275 1 0	1,08,300 0 0	8,024 15 0
Accounts & Finance	37,697 10 0	37,740 0 0	42 6 0
Law & Justice	2,40,103 14 0	2,41,925 0 0	1,821 2 0
Police	2,07,494 14 2	2,11,581 0 0	4,086 1 10
Education	11,61,115 12 1	12,53,100 0 0	91,984 3 11
Charities	53,051 7 0	55,247 0 0	2,195 9 0
Medical	2,60,854 12 4	2,70,300 0 0	9,445 3 8
Vaccination	8,727 12 6	8,900 0 0	172 3 6
Sanitation & Conservancy	72,565 0 1	73,500 0 0	934 15 11
Stationery	71,320 5 2	74,000 0 0	2,679 10 10
Military	95,278 3 7	1,02,130 0 0	6,851 12 5
Public Works	10,67,683 2 1	11,06,106 11 7	38,423 9 6
Scientific, &c.	90,634 1 6	97,980 0 11	7,345 15 5
Railway	7,25,979 3 5	9,00,000 0 0	1,74,020 12 7
Miscellaneous	84,790 10 10	86,760 0 0	1,969 5 2

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1102.

	Expenditure			Budget			Balance.		
Land Revenue	2,34,923	6	10	2,36,992	6	0	2,068	15	2
Agriculture	2,27,136	13	6	2,58,500	0	0	31,363	2	6
Excise	2,80,491	12	0	3,24,800	0	0	44,308	4	0
Stamps	54,113	7	8	64,800	0	0	10,686	8	4
Customs	3,328	10	2	4,700	0	0	1,371	5	10
Forest	1,84,844	2	10	2,12,252	0	0	27,407	13	2
Tramway	1,24,468	3	3	1,46,700	0	0	22,231	12	9
Registration	70,215	3	5	70,390	0	0	174	12	7
Anchal	69,179	2	3	69,300	0	0	120	13	9
General Administration	1,09,164	4	11	1,13,070	0	0	3,905	11	1
Accounts & Finance	38,862	11	0	40,600	0	0	1,737	5	0
Jails	45,552	0	7	46,600	0	0	1,047	15	5
Police	1,93,207	11	9	2,01,500	0	0	8,292	4	3
Education	12,17,182	1	11	12,63,710	0	0	46,527	14	1
Charities	47,844	9	3	52,878	0	0	5,033	6	9
Medical	2,69,990	3	3	2,75,800	0	0	5,809	12	9
Vaccination	8,446	3	7	8,800	0	0	353	12	5
Sanitation	57,215	14	2	58,549	11	9	1,333	13	9
Stationery	93,902	12	5	99,200	0	0	5,297	3	7
Military	92,220	8	1	1,03,015	10	0	10,795	1	11
Scientific	91,313	12	10	96,500	0	0	5,186	3	2
Railway	7,43,552	10	2	8,00,000	0	0	56,447	5	10

APPENDIX II.

(Vide answer to Question No. 148).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

(Public Works Department).

Read again Diwan's Proceedings C. 1625/01, dated 14th August 1926 asking the Chief Engineer to consider the proposals of the Cranganur Road Committee regarding improvement of drainage, etc., in Cranganur.

(2) Diwan's Proceedings C. 1625/01, dated 1st November 1926.

(3) Thiruvezuthu No. 28/02, dated 25th Vrischigam 1102 from the Cranganur Chief forwarding a petition from certain inhabitants of Lokamaleswaram Village regarding improvement of drainage facilities in their village.

(4) Letter C. No. 1385/02, dated 13th June 1927 from the Chief Engineer.

(5) Correspondence ending with the following letter C. No. 4033/01, dated 8th August 1927 from the Chief Engineer.

"Adverting to the Diwan's Proceedings dated 14th August 1926, C. No. 1625/1101, I have the honour to inform you that on going through the proposals of the Cranganur Road Committee, I consider that their proposals for improving the drainage are very important. The drainage works they propose are (1) a drainage canal from Hospital road to Kankuzhithodu via Methala (item No. 9 in Lokamaleswaram village in the list appended). We have already completed taking levels for the preparation of the estimate and as soon as the estimate is ready, I shall forward the same for Government consideration. (2) Improvements to Arapputhodu. This is a very long canal at the western boundary of the Principality near the Arabian Sea and it extends to the Mukundapuram Taluk. This is made use of both for drainage and communication purposes. The Vedithodu and Blanga Chal thodu are connected with it. Improvement of this system of canals is desirable and levels necessary for the preparation of estimates are being taken. The drainage works which the Road Committee have proposed but which I do not consider to be very important or urgent are (1) improvement to Perimthodu (item No. 3 in Alikode Village in the appended list) and (2)

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